

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Waiver of)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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Point Isabel Independent School District)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Point Isabel Independent District, BEN #141671)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017
RE: FCC Form 471 Application # 171049018**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Point Isabel Independent School District (“PIISD”) serves 82% low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 students in deep south Texas. The urban district is unique in that it is categorized as a Chapter 41 Wealth Equalization district due to the district’s tax base from South Padre Island, Texas, however less than 5% of PIISD students actually reside on South Padre Island, Texas. Although PIISD has a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students, the state recaptures approximately \$15.5 million from PIISD because of the Chapter 41 identification. Since 2000, PIISD has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

PIISD submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471, Application # 171049018, in the EPC portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on May 18, 2017 just 7 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11, 2017.

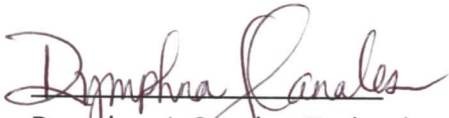
A staff member of PIISD works E-Rate into her already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. During the 2016-2017 school year, she also became the blended learning project manager in which the district is transforming the learning experience for all students by supporting high quality teachers and leveraging technology to provide a personalized experience for each student. She has successfully performed all E-rate applications for five consecutive years. During the E-Rate 2017 funding year, a Fiber Transport Form 471 Application # 171028830 was certified successfully which included transport services from the district core to the Region One Education Service Center, however the form failed to include the point-to-point fiber circuits from the core to each of the four campuses. The failure to include the point-to-point fiber transport circuits from the core to each of the four campuses was a clerical oversight and was discovered a week later when she was reviewing all of the submitted forms. The transport circuits are the backbone to providing internet to all campuses in which the students utilize this resource daily for instructional purposes and used beyond the substitution level for learning.

Ultimately, FCC Form 471, Application # 171049018, was filed and certified immediately after the mistake was discovered on May 18, 2017 with the status of "Out of Window."

II. Request

The Point Isabel Independent School District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Point Isabel Independent District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 Application # 171049018, due to the circumstances related above. Not granting this waiver request to move the application into an "In Window" status, would create a dire financial hardship on this small urban school district.

Respectfully submitted,



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